

# THRU THE GREEN



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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

## From The President

*"Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."*

Theodore Roosevelt

With the above quote in mind, I am proud to announce the slate of candidates offered by the Nominating Committee of Randy Gai and Brian Bagley for officers and directors of GCSANC:

For President	Joe Rodriguez, CGCS
For Vice President	Ken Schwark Blake Swint
For Secretary/ Treasurer	Rogelio Martinez Dave Davies, CGCS
For Director	Wayne Lindelof, CGCS Forrest Arthur Gary Carls, CGCS Mike Nunemacher Bruce Olson
For Affiliate Representative	Ross Brownlie Steve Franzen John Holmquist Dan Rogers

By now, you should have all received your Annual Meeting notice in the mail. Please open it and carefully read the information it contains. In the envelope is the usual meeting notice and sign up form. Please sign up to attend this meeting. Your input is important. Please note that the cut off date is April 15, so get it to the office prior to that date. For those voting members that may not be able to attend the meeting, there is a proxy form. Please fill it out **correctly** and either return it to the office or give it to another voting member to cast your vote for you. **Please vote!** There are some very important issues at stake, as well as the election of officers and directors.

At the Board of Directors meeting on March 4, Joe Rodriguez, CGCS was appointed with Board approval to fill the Vice President's vacancy due to the resignation of Leon Snethen. Joe ended his previous board service five years ago, and I'm sure that he never thought that he would return, at least not this soon. I would personally like to thank Joe for offering his service again to fill this vacancy.

Next month's issue of *Thru The Green* will be delayed. I know you're all disappointed,

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## The Main Course Peacock Gap Golf and Country Club

### Our Host

Richard Lavine, CGCS graduated from Fullerton College and Cal Poly, Pomona with degrees in Ornamental Horticulture and Park Administration. His first job was at Riverview Golf Course in Southern California. He left there shortly before the winter rains of 1977 cut a ten-foot deep channel through the middle of the course. He was hired by Pebble Beach Company as the Superintendent at Spyglass Hill, and immediately started a regrassing project following the drought of the mid-seventies. Since Spyglass, Rich has been the Superintendent at Castlewood Country Club, Marin Country Club and Meadowood Resort.

Rich is married and has a three-year-old son. The family shares a home in Tahoe where they get away as often as possible for skiing, hiking and relaxing.

### The Course

Peacock Gap Golf and Country Club was designed by William Bell as part of the Marin Bay Project in the late 1950's. It opened for play in 1960. It is located adjacent to China Camp State Park in Eastern San Rafael. The course was developed as a flood basin for the surrounding hills and community. The course has a series of waterways leading to a 16-acre lagoon. It features water hazards on fifteen holes. The course measures almost 6300 yards and plays to a par 71, with a rating of 69.7 and a slope of 121.

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## From The President (Cont'd)

but we have decided to hold the deadline until just after the Annual Meeting so that we may publish the results of the meeting. Look for your May issue the week of May 13.

Due to space limitations in this newsletter, I'm not going to list the bylaw amendments here. Please refer to your ballot as I discuss them with you.

There are actually ten individual by law amendments that you are being asked to vote on. On your ballot however, they have been placed into four groups and will be voted that way. The groupings are as follows:

- **Changes necessary for GCSAA affiliation**
    - Article II Section 3 Membership Classes
    - Article II Section 5 Dual Membership
    - Article III Section 1 Annual Dues
    - Article V Section 1 Board of Directors
  - **Changes recommended by GCSAA legal counsel**
    - Article IX Section 1 Indemnification
    - Article X Section 1 Dissolution (new article)
  - **Changes to bring our bylaws into conformity with the way we have been conducting business**
    - Article VI Section 1 Board of Directors
    - Article II Section 3 Associate Member
    - Article II Section 4 Reclass. of Membership
  - **Addition of student membership class**
    - Article II Section 3 Student Membership
- The first group are all changes that will be required if we are to remain affiliated with GCSAA. Dan Church, GCSAA's legal counsel, reviewed our bylaws this past January. These were the items that he presented that were in direct conflict with GCSAA's bylaws, and the text is mostly as he recommended.

The second group are items that he recommended to bring our bylaws into conformity with current laws. The indemnification clause has only some very minor changes. Article X is entirely new. Although we feel and hope that this article is never necessary, the Board felt that it should be included in our bylaws.

The third group are items that will bring the bylaws current with the way the Association actually operates. Article VI Section 1 will delete language that states when the Board will meet. In practice, the Board sets their own meeting schedule, and this change will reflect that. Article II Section 3 is partly due to GCSAA change of Class B & C members and also a problem that the Board has had in classifying prospective members employed at driving ranges. Article II Section 4 does two things. First, it deletes

the language dealing with 'the test', abolished by last year's Board. Second, it brings the bylaws current with our new annual dues renewal statement, and the automatic reclassification that will result from its use.

The fourth item, actually one new membership class, is one that I have wanted to add for quite some time. It will allow us to welcome and nurture turfgrass students into our Association. The Board will then have the option of setting their dues at a reduced level.

The Board of Directors, at their last meeting in March, discussed and fully endorsed these changes to our bylaws. They encourage your support. If you have any questions about these changes, feel free to contact me. I would be more than happy to discuss them with you.

This will be my final President's Message. For the most part, I've tried to keep them on the light side. I hope that you've enjoyed them. It seems like my year as President has gone by very quickly. I feel that the Association has enjoyed a very successful year. The events that we have put on have been well attended, and for the most part even made budget. These events did not just happen. I thank you all for your support this past year. I especially want to thank the Board of Directors. These guys are real workers. As President, I just sit and point my finger. The Board members are the ones that do the work. They are a truly dedicated bunch of guys. I especially want to thank three individuals. Randy Gai has helped me enormously with many details of this office. I've leaned on him often, and he has always come through. Another thank you to our newsletter publisher, Jo Harlow. Jo has worked hard to produce this new format for us, and always handles the last minute details and change that always seem to come just before press time. The other big thank you is to Barbara Mikel. Barbara is like the little parrot that sits on your shoulder and gives advice. There probably isn't a decision that got made at the Board level that Barbara doesn't ask, "What about . . ." Her participation is invaluable and is a real asset to this Association.

This past year on the Board has been very rewarding. I've talked with lots of people and made lots of friends. I will always cherish this time. I still have one year of Board service remaining. I offer my support to our next President to use me as he sees fit. Thank you all for your patience and indulgence this past year.

Richard Lavine, CGCS  
President